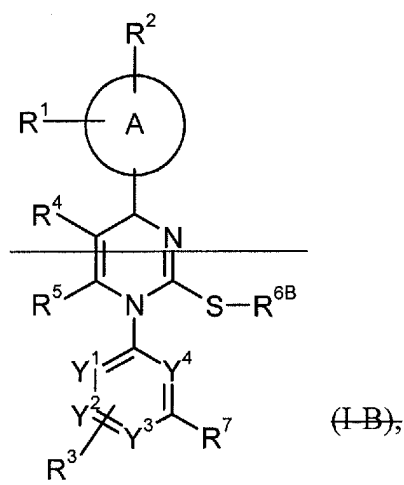
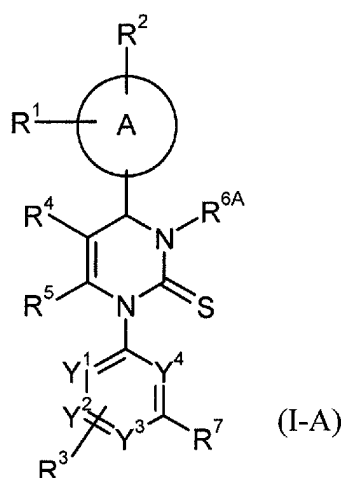


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~the general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~



wherein

A represents ~~an aryl or heteroaryl~~ a phenyl ring,

~~R¹, R² and R³ independently from each other represent~~ represents hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

R² represents cyano,

R³ represents hydrogen,

R⁴ represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₆-C₁₀-arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or cyano, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonylamino, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, tri-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-silyl and cyano,

R⁵ represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenoxo, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino, arylamino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl and the radical -O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group

consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyloxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, wherein heteroaryl and heterocyclyl can be further substituted with one to two identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxy and oxo,

R⁷ represents halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

and

Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ ~~independently from each other~~ represent CH or N, ~~wherein the ring contains either 0, 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to Claim 1, wherein

A represents ~~an aryl or heteroaryl~~ a phenyl, ring,

~~R¹, R² and R³ independently from each other represent~~ represents hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

R² represents cyano,

R³ represents hydrogen,

R⁴ represents C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₆-C₁₀-arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or cyano, wherein C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonylamino, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl and tri-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-silyl,

R⁵ represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino, arylamino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl and the radical -O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R⁷ represents halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

and

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 independently from each other represent CH or N, wherein the ring contains either 0, 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to Claim 1, wherein

A represents a phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~ ring,

~~R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently from each other represent~~ represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

R^2 represents cyano,

R^3 represents hydrogen,

R^4 represents C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl or cyano, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl and mono- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, amino, mono- or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R^5 represents methyl or ethyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl or C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkylcarbonyl, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, amino, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, which can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, amino, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, phenyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R^7 represents halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methyl or ethyl,

and

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 each represent CH.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to Claim 1, wherein

A represents a phenyl ~~or a pyridyl~~ ring,

R¹ and R³ each represent hydrogen,

R² represents ~~fluoro, chloro, bromo, nitro or cyano,~~

R⁴ represents C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R⁵ represents methyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkylcarbonyl,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, phenyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolidino and morpholino,

R⁷ represents trifluoromethyl or nitro,

and

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 each represent CH.

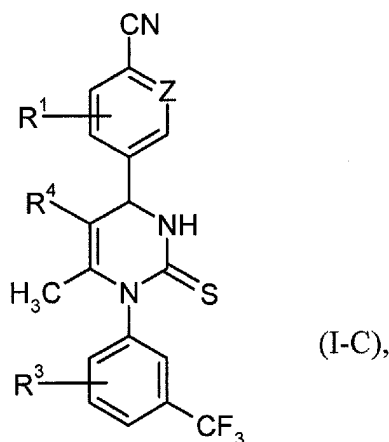
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The compound of general formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is hydrogen.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^4 is C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, which can be substituted with dimethylamino, diethylamino, N-ethylmethylamino, pyrrolidino or piperidino, or wherein R^4 is C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyl.
10. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^5 is methyl.
11. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) ~~or (I-B)~~ according to claim 1, wherein R^7 is trifluoromethyl or nitro.

12. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) according to claim 1, wherein

R^{6A} is hydrogen.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-C)



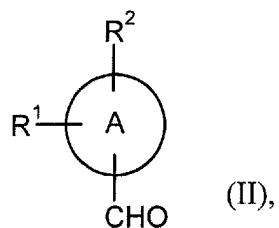
wherein

Z represents CH or N, and R^1 , R^3 and R^4 have the meaning indicated in claim 1 .

15. (Canceled)

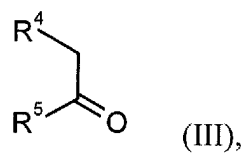
16. (Previously Presented) A process for synthesizing the compounds of general formulas (I-A), (I-B), (I-C) or (I-E), respectively, as defined in Claims 1 to 15, by condensing com-

pounds of general formula (II)



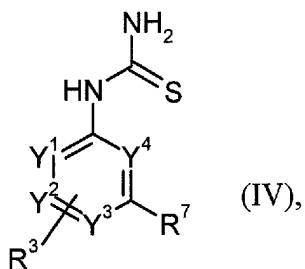
wherein A, R¹ and R² have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

with compounds of general formula (III)



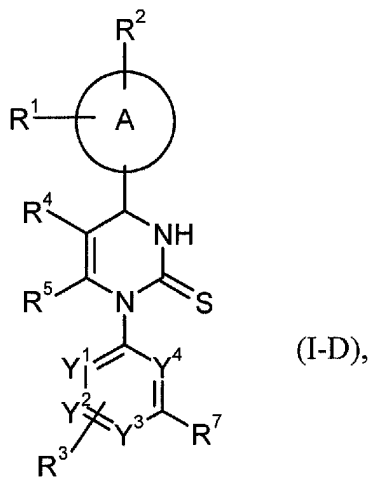
wherein R⁴ and R⁵ have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

and compounds of general formula (IV)



wherein R^3 , R^7 , and Y^1 to Y^4 have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

in the presence of an acid either in a three-component / one-step reaction or sequentially to give compounds of the general formula (I-D)



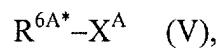
wherein

A , R^1 to R^5 , R^7 , and Y^1 to Y^4 have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

optionally followed by reaction of the compounds of general formula (I-D) in the

presence of a base either

[A] with compounds of the general formula (V)

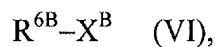


wherein R^{6A*} has the meaning of R^{6A} as indicated in Claims 1 to 15, but does not represent hydrogen, and X^A represents a leaving group,

to give compounds of the general formula (I-A) or (I-C), respectively,

or

[B] with compounds of the general formula (VI)



wherein R^{6B} has the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15, and X^B represents a leaving group,

to give compounds of the general formula (I-B) or (I-E), respectively.

17. (Currently Amended) A composition containing at least one compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 or 14, and a pharmacologically acceptable diluent.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of compositions according to Claim 17 characterized in that the compounds of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 or 14, together with customary auxiliaries are brought into a suitable application form.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently Amended) A method of treating acute and chronic inflammatory, ischaemic ~~and/~~ or remodelling processes , comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 or 14 .
22. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 21, wherein the process is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute coronary syndrome, acute myocardial infarction or development of heart failure.
23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)